

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-20, without prejudice, and add new claims 21-24 as follows:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (New) A method of sealing an annular area in a wellbore, comprising:  
providing a tubular member; and  
deforming the tubular member in a manner whereby an outer surface of the tubular member assumes a shape of a non-uniform surrounding surface and forms a seal therebetween.

22. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein a ductile material disposed on the outer surface of the tubular member forms the seal after deforming the tubular member.

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein a ductile metal disposed on the outer surface of the tubular member forms the seal after deforming the tubular member.

24. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein an elastomer disposed on the outer surface of the tubular member forms the seal after deforming the tubular member.